

The O. C. & E. Railroad.

About two dozen new freight cars, which are to be used on the Astoria road, on its completion, have been received by the O. C. & E. railroad, and will be put into use on this road until they are needed on the Astoria line. They are fine large cars manufactured by the Ensign Manufacturing Co., of Huntington, W. Va.

The cars are now on the O. C. & E. yards in Albany. They are 34 feet cars, fitted with air brakes with a capacity of 40,000 pounds each, and are first-class in every respect.

It is also learned that a lot of cars for this road and the Astoria line are being refitted at the Southern Pacific Company's shops in Sacramento. It is believed by many that the Southern Pacific Co. will eventually own both the O. C. & E. and Astoria road. There is good ground for the belief also that the O. C. & E. road will be extended into Eastern Oregon this year. The company recently placed orders for three million feet of bridge timbers and ties with the saw mills along the eastern division of the road, and this material is being distributed along the road as fast as sawed. This work has been prosecuted all winter, which looks as if it were being hurried forward to prepare for construction work during the summer. Those who ought to know say there is good reason to expect the extension of the road into Eastern Oregon at an early day, and that it will be undertaken this summer. It is to be hoped these surmises will prove correct.—Albany Herald.

A Good Thing.

The publishers of the world-famous Twice-A-Week Detroit Free Press desire to introduce their paper to new readers, and are making the following very liberal offer: They will send the paper twice each week for ten weeks for the small sum of TEN CENTS. Just think of it. Twenty papers for only ten cents. One-half cent a copy. Do not fail to take advantage of this wonderful offer. The Free Press needs no recommendation. Send 10c in stamps or silver to The Detroit Free Press, Detroit, Michigan.

"What is the matter with Oregon?" This is a common question. There is nothing in the world the matter with Oregon. But with a very large part of her people there is much the matter. They are lazy and improvident. They don't like to work, and will not work, if they can help it. Then, in their idle hours their heads are filled up with stuff mischievous and notions foolish. They want to make "good times" by reform of society and government. Their thought is centered on this folly. So yesterday, a citizen of Portland, who said he had a call for eight men, to be sent to work out of town on a job where the wages would give them \$22 to \$24 a month clear, declared that it was a troublesome commission, for he didn't know where the men could be had, nor how to get them. Of course, he wanted workmen, not hobos. This one thing is the matter with Oregon, or rather with a very large proportion of the people of Oregon. They do not want to work, but they do want to reform society and government; and meantime they want society and government to support them.—Oregonian.

Notice.

A stray cow. Color—red and white. Mark—upper slope off of both ears. Owner please call and pay for feed and advertising.
E. C. PAINÉ,
Chitwood, Ore.

A Word About Pruning.

Speaking on this subject Prof. U. P. Hedrick, in a recent bulletin issued by the Oregon Experiment station, says:

This is the season of the year that the tree butcher gets in his work. The "expert pruner" with ax, saw and a pair of hedge shears, and who trims trees down to mere stumps, is about offering his services. Orchardists should give him a wide berth. This is applicable to all parts of Oregon, but the thought has been suggested by Institute workers returning from Southern Oregon who report overpruned orchards as about the worst feature of orcharding in that part of the state.

A healthy tree well headed at the start, the head twenty to thirty inches from the ground, needs only to have deformed, crotched and crossed limbs removed, with now and then a branch taken out to thin out the top. The shape of the tree should be governed by pinching, and removing small twigs with a budding knife. All other pruning is unnecessary, and a wanton destruction that seriously impairs the vitality and usefulness of the tree.

The Canning Season.

At present the outlook for the fishing season down the Columbia river not as bright as it ought to be. Two bad seasons would be disastrous to Astoria and hurtful to Portland. Unless some radical change is brought about in the present relations of canners and fishermen, there is a strong probability that few salmon will be packed. The situation is exceedingly complicated, owing to the organization of the new Fishermen's Packing Company, and the influence of the stockholder's of that concern in the affairs of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union. It is stated upon what is apparently the best of authority that a resolution was recently passed by the union providing that members of that organization shall deliver salmon to the new cannery and accept in payment a pro rata of such sums as may be derived from the sale of the goods, but that no salmon shall be delivered at other canneries for less than 4½ cents a pound. It is also stated that, while the men who may supply the new cannery will be nominally stockholders therein, the paid-up stock is preferred, attached to it being a guarantee of interest that shall precede in order of payment the settlement of fishermen's claims for raw material furnished. Numbers of union men are said to be much dissatisfied in consequence, fully appreciating the unfairness and absurdity of a rule which compels them to accept a pro rata of the proceeds of the sale of the fish (less interest on preferred stock), while prohibiting them from delivering salmon at other canneries for less than a fixed sum.

At present the members of the union in good standing number less than 500, as compared with over 2,000 last summer, a fact which enabled the stockholders of the new cannery to so manipulate the proceedings at a recent meeting of the union as to distribute among their own number every prominent office, as well as nearly all of those of minor importance.—Evening Tribune.

The great mill at Carson has been finished as has also a most persistent and overbearing blowhard. We are glad Corbett was whipped and we are daily praying for something of a serious nature to happen to Fitzsimmons and all the rest of the prize-fighting fraternity, that the civilized world may be relieved of a most unpleasant reflection on the word "humanity."

Notice To Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln:
In the matter of the estate of Wm. Megginson, deceased:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Wm. Megginson, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Lincoln county. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, properly verified, to me at my residence in the city of Newport, county of Lincoln, Oregon, within six months from this date.
Dated at Newport, Oregon, February 25, 1897.
JOHN STIMPSON, Administrator.

Notice for Publication.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, February 27, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Lincoln County, at Toledo, Oregon, on May 19, 1897, viz:
LINFRED T. SKINNER; H. E. 9,971, for the southwest ¼ of section 8, township 10 south, range 8 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Harry S. Porter, of Nashville, John F. Hamar, of Norton, Charles H. Everett and John F. Bensen, of Nashville.
ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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WILLIAM WAKEFIELD, H. E. No. 8,882, for the southwest ¼ of southeast ¼, east ¼ of southwest ¼ and southeast ¼ of northwest ¼ section 12, town 11, south, range 9 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Irvin Magee, William F. Hyde, and Brown Hawkins, of Eddyville, Oregon, and John L. Hyde, of Toledo, Oregon.
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CHARLES H. EVERETT; H. E. 9,942, for the northwest ¼ of section 10, township 10 south, range 8 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles A. Bensen, John F. Bensen and John P. Skinner, of Nashville, Oregon, and Lindfred T. Skinner, of Norton, Oregon.
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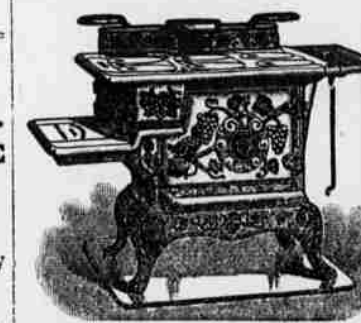
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